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 1) ⊠ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 May 2006. 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final. 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the ments is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. 					
Disposition of Claims					
4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdray 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are rejected. 7) ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	vn from consideration.				
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 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner. 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152. 					
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119					
 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 					
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Allowable Subject Matter

The indicated allowability of the claims is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Baker and Cramer.

Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baker, Jr. et al. (Baker) 4,723,744 in view of Cramer 2,613,389. The applicant is reminded that the claims are only directed toward the subcombination of the support and not the combination of the support and camper. Baker discloses a support framework (10) with a camper support surface (52 and 54) and at least three support legs (30) for supporting a camper wherein the support framework is slid underneath the camper and

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the camper is then lowered onto the camper support surface (52 and 54) of the support framework (10) to support the weight of the camper (see column 4, lines 34ff). Baker discloses all of the limitations of the claimed invention except for the support wheels, a wheel lock, a plurality of support wheels being mounted to the support framework under a bias force relative to the support framework such that bias force between the support wheels and the support framework is sufficient to support the support framework when the support framework is not loaded, and the bias force is exceeded by a predetermined weight of a camper placed on the camper support surface of the support framework such that the predetermined weight of the camper is supported by the at least three support legs on a ground surface. Cramer teaches that it is known to have a support comprising a framework (1) having a support surface (10, 12, 11), at least three legs (2 and 3), a wheel lock (25), wheels (14), and the function of the bias force (20) between the wheels and the framework being sufficient to support the framework when the framework is not loaded, and the bias force is exceeded by a predetermined weight of a object placed on the support surface of the framework such that the weight is supported by the three legs on the ground. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have modified Baker to have

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included the wheels, wheel locks, and biasing force as taught by Cramer for the purpose of providing a better means of moving the framework underneath the camper. The combination of Baker in view of Cramer inherently teaches the method of claims 32-35 (see Baker, column 4, lines 34ff and Cramer, column 3, lines 10ff). Baker in view of Cramer disclose all of the limitations of the claimed invention except for the bias force being a pneumatic bias force. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a pneumatic bias force, since it has been held to be within the general skill of a worker in the art to select a known material on the basis of its suitability for the intended use as a matter of obvious design choice since the applicant has not discloses how this element is critical to the invention. In re Leshin, 125 USPQ 416.

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The prior art discloses conventional means for supporting loads.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly T. Wood whose telephone number is 571-272-6826. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on 571-272-6842. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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